

on the navel of the earth, the upholder
of the vast
heaven.

9. Thundering like the summit of the
sky (the
Soma) roars, by whose support "both
heaven and
earth (are upheld); the *Soma*
flows acquiring
INDRA'S friendship, purified he alights
upon the
pitchers.

10. ^xThe light of the sacrifice, he
distils sweet
(juice) delightful (to the gods), the
parent of the
gods, the generator (of all), possessed
of ample
wealth; he supports the hidden wealth
of heaven
and earth, the most exhilarating,
the exciting
(*Somd*), the nourisher of (INDRA.), the
juice.

11. The rapid (*Soma*) the lord of
heaven, the
thousand-streamed, the beholder
(of all), rushes
crying aloud to the pitcher; the green-
tinted one
alights upon MTTEA'S dwelling-place,
cleansed by
the sheep's hairs and the waters, the
showerer.

12. In the front of the waters rushes
the filtered
(*Soma*), foremost (he rushes) in the
front of the
voice, he goes amongst the rays; in
the front he
engages in battle (to win) food; well-
armed, the
showerer (of benefits) he is purified by
the offerers

of the oblation.

13. This (*Soma*) possessed of
agreeable (praise),
filtered, and sent forth, (quick) as a
bird goes with
a stream (of juice) through the
fleece; by thy

¹ Yerses 10 to 12 occur Sama Veda, it 4. 1.
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